



Nature Discovery Programs

What are Nature Discovery Programs?

Nature Discovery Programs, NDP, are fun, educational adventures designed to fully engage students in the outdoors. Throughout the summer there are week-long programs for children and pre-teens ages 3-13.



NDP 1



Small Wonders

"My son enjoyed every day and shared info he learned!"



NDP 4

Registration:

Park members: begins January 5, 2015

Non-members: begins February 2, 2015

Spaces are limited, classes fill quickly and are reserved only with full payment. Call 717-840-7440 to check class openings.

York County Parks accepts checks, money orders or credit cards. All credit card transactions are subject to a 4% service fee.

Print out the Registration Packet from yorkcountyparks.org.

To pay with a check, money order or credit card, mail completed Registration and Health forms along with full payment to York County Parks, 400 Mundis Race Road, York, PA 17406.

To pay with credit card over the phone, call Rudy Park 717-840-7440. Staff will complete the registration form for you. Mail completed health forms to the above address within 2 weeks.

Full refunds will be given when the cancellation occurs at least 30 days prior to the start of the program. If cancellation occurs within 30 days of the program, a refund will be issued only if your child's spot is filled by another participant.

Small Wonders

Ages: 3-4 with an adult
Dates: June 8-12
Time: 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Nixon Park
Cost: Park Members: \$35
Non-members: \$45



Students will role-play, imitate, question, and experiment with nature alongside an adult during this hands-on week. Classes will include crafts, snacks and spending time outside.

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Ages: 5-6
Dates: June 15-19
Time: 9:30 – 12 p.m.
Location: Nixon Park
Cost: Park Members: \$55
Non-members: \$65

Butterflies, flowers, trees, foxes, mink, bluebirds, turtles, frogs, etc. There is so much to learn and discover about nature. Students will be introduced to a variety of topics through discovery learning, crafts, hikes, and more.



Ages: 5-6
Dates: June 29-July 2
Time: 9:30 – 12 p.m.
Location: Nixon Park
Cost: Park Members: \$55
Non-members: \$65

Special Reptile Week Theme

Reptiles: Are they slimy? Are they rough? Children will discover the answers to these other questions during this special Reptile Week themed class featuring a reptile show just for students.

NDP 2

Ages: 7-8
Dates: July 20-24
Time: 9:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Location: Nixon Park
Cost: Park Members: \$75
Non-members \$85

Special Insect Week Theme

Ever wonder why stink bugs stink? Students will discover all about insects through investigations, crafts, games and stories during this week-long insect adventure.



"My daughter had a great time and is looking forward to next year!"

NDP 2

Ages: 7-8
Dates: August 3-7
Time: 9:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Location: Nixon Park
Cost: Park Members: \$75
Non-members \$85



Discover animal adaptations, habitats, metamorphosis, and more during this fun-filled week. Students will learn the ins and outs of the world around them through experiments, games, crafts, stories, and activities.

NDP 3

Ages: 9-10
Dates: July 27-31
Time: 9:30 – 3:30
Location: Various County Parks
Cost: Park Members: \$110
Non-members: \$120

During this week, students will hike the trails at Nixon Park, explore Lake Redman by canoe, and travel to Spring Valley and Rudy Park for nature exploration time. Classes will include hands-on games, crafts and adventures. Drop off/pick up will occur daily at Nixon Park. The class will travel by van to other county parks.



Archaeology Week

Historic Horn Farm, Hellam Township

Ages: 10-13

Dates: June 22-26 , drop off/pick up at Horn Farm

Times: 9:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Cost: Park Members: \$130 Non-members: \$150

This week of hard work, fun and education , co-sponsored with the York County Heritage Trust, will get right down to earth! Students learn the concepts of doing archaeology by conducting actual excavations. Students will take notes and catalog artifacts. Interwoven between excavations, the programs show how archeology ties into historical interpretation. A public hike to examine the excavations will be held on Thursday evening beginning at 6pm.



"History may be accurate, but Archaeology is precise."

-Archaeologist,
Doug Scott

NDP 4

Ages: 11-13

Dates: July 6-10

Time: 9:30 – 3:30 p.m. Mon.–Tues.,
8 – 3:30 p.m. Wed., 7p.m.Thurs. – 9 a.m. Fri.

Location: Various Locations

Cost: Park Members: \$140, Non-members: \$160

Looking for adventure? This high energy adventure week features hiking, swimming, boating, navigating, and camping. To begin the week students will explore the trails and pool at Codorus State Park and travel to Maize Quest to navigate through many mazes. Wednesday will involve a trip to the Chesapeake Bay to join CBF educators to explore this vast ecosystem while boating in the bay. The week will end with camping under the stars at Nixon Park. Drop off/pickup will occur daily at Nixon Park.



How do I prepare for the week?

What to wear to the program:

- Comfortable, appropriate, and layered clothing to accommodate changing weather conditions.
- Solid shoes. No open-toed shoes, backless shoes, crocs, flip flops or sandals.
- A hat for sun protection.
- Sunscreen and insect repellent.
- Raincoat and boots as needed.

What to bring to the program:

- Full-day program students need to bring a lunch, snack and water.
- Half-day program students need to bring a snack and water.
- A full, reusable water bottle.
- We encourage use of low waste lunches with recyclable or reusable containers.
- A complete change of clothes for those "just-in-case" moments.
- Medicine along with the medication form if needed.
- Pick Up Authorization Form if needed.



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400 Mundis Race Road
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Park Headquarters: 717-840-7440
Nixon Park Nature Center: 717-428-1961
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NDP 2 Students explore the stream at Nixon Park

For all questions please contact Nixon Park at 717-428-1961 or nixoncountypark@yorkcountypa.gov